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9. (Amended) [The system claimed in claim 1,] A system for metering
permit mail, wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a
fluorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed with
a non-luminescent ink, said system comprising:

means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;
means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or
within the vicinity of the postal indicia.

10. (Amended) [The system claimed in claim 1,] A system for metering
permit mail, wherein a portion of the pre-printed information is printed with a
phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the pre-printed information is printed
with a non-luminescent ink, said system comprising:

means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;
means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or
within the vicinity of the postal indicia.

11. (Amended) [The system claimed in claim 1,] A system for metering
permit mail, wherein a portion of the variable information is printed with a fluorescent
ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed with a non-
luminescent ink, said system comprising:

means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;

means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or
within the vicinity of the postal indicia.

12. (Amended) ~~[The system claimed in claim 1,] A system for metering~~
~~permit mail, wherein a portion of the variable information is printed with a~~
~~phosphorescent ink and the remaining portion of the variable information is printed~~
~~with a non-luminescent ink, said system comprising:~~

means for pre-printing information on a mail piece to produce a postal indicia;
means for printing variable payment information within the postal indicia or
within the vicinity of the postal indicia.

3 13. (Amended) The system claimed in claim [1]~~9~~, further including means
for collecting payment for the printed variable payment information.

10 19. (Amended) The system claimed in claim [13]~~18~~, wherein said means
for collecting records collects variable security information.

17 24. (Amended) The method claimed in claim [21]~~22~~, wherein the step of
printing variable information includes printing the variable information with a dual
luminescent ink.